

What is Claimed is:

- 1           1.       A smart card, comprising:  
2           a first processor, for decrypting an encrypted program signal;  
3           a second processor, for decrypting the encrypted program signal;  
4           wherein the first processor is activated by a first activating signal and the second  
5 processor is activated by a second activating signal differing from the first activating  
6 signal.
- 1           2.       The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the first and second processors are  
2 communicable with an electrical device for receiving the program signal, the first  
3 activating signal and the second activating signal.
- 1           3.       The apparatus of Claim 2, further comprising a cover, removably attached  
2 to the smart card so as to prevent communications between the second processor and the  
3 electrical device.
- 1           4.       The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the smart card further comprises a  
2 removable portion covering the second processor so as to prevent communications  
3 between the second processor and the electrical device.
- 1           5.       The apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the removable portion comprises a tab  
2 for gripping and removing the removable portion to allow communications between the  
3 second processor and the electrical device.
- 1           6.       The apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the smart card comprises a top layer  
2 and the removable portion is peripherally described by scores in the top layer.
- 1           7.       The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein the smart card further comprises a void  
2 disposed adjacent the removable portion.

1           16.     The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the second processor is of lower  
2     complexity than the first processor.

1           17.     A method of providing a backup program service to a subscriber, the  
2 method comprising the steps of:

3           providing to the subscriber a smart card having a primary processor that decodes a  
4 scrambled program signal upon activation by a primary activating signal, and a backup  
5 processor that decodes a scrambled program signal upon activation by a backup activating  
6 signal; and

7           transmitting the backup activating signal when the primary activating signal is  
8 insufficient to enable decoding of the scrambled program signal.

1           18.     The method of Claim 17, wherein the backup activating signal is  
2 transmitted upon failure of the primary processor.

1           19.     The method of Claim 17, wherein the primary and backup processors  
2 communicate with an electrical device for receiving the program signal, the primary  
3 activating signal and the backup activating signal.

1           20.     The method of Claim 19, wherein the primary processor comprises  
2 contacts disposed so as to communicate with the device when the card is in a first  
3 orientation, and the backup processor comprises contacts disposed so as to communicate  
4 with the device when the card is in a second orientation.

1           21.     The method of Claim 20, wherein the smart card further comprises an  
2 indication of the first orientation of the card.

1           22.     The method of Claim 17, wherein the backup processor is of lower  
2 complexity than the primary processor.

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1           28.     The system of Claim 23, wherein the backup processor is of lower  
2     complexity than the primary processor.